IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~A method, comprising:

coding a request comprising one or more telephone numbers;

transmitting said request to a network serving entity for performing a network information retrieval;

receiving a response from said network serving entity, said response comprising network information identifying one or more network operators providing services to said one or more telephone numbers;

decoding said response to extract said network information; and

storing said network information in conjunction with said one or more telephone numbers.

2. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~The method according to claim 1, wherein the response is structured into at least one information record, said information record includes one telephone number of said one or more telephone numbers and a network operator providing services to said one telephone number.

3. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

selecting said one or more telephone numbers from a plurality of telephone numbers stored in a telephone directory of a communication terminal.

4. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~The method according to claim 3, wherein said selecting is performed manually by a user of said communication terminal.

5. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~The method according to claim 3, wherein said selecting is performed automatically in accordance with a pre-defined selection definition.

6. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~The method according to claim 2, wherein storing said network information comprises:

identifying at least one telephone directory entry in a telephone directory of a communication terminal on the basis of said one telephone number that is included in said information record;

storing said network information by including said network information into said at least one identified telephone directory entry.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein said network information further comprises charging information.

9. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~A method, comprising:

receiving a request from a communication terminal, wherein said request comprises one or more telephone numbers;

decoding said request to extract said one or more telephone numbers;

retrieving network information identifying one or more network operators providing services to said one or more telephone numbers;
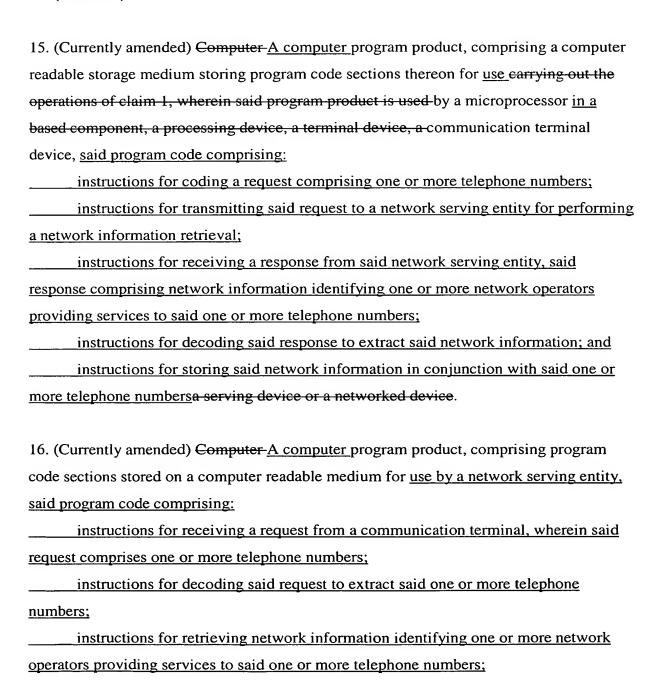
coding a response which comprises said retrieved network information; and

transmitting said response to said communication terminal.

10. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 9, wherein retrieving network information comprises accessing a data storage which stores network information identifying one or more network operators providing services to a plurality of telephone numbers.

11. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 9, wherein said response is structured into at least one information record including one telephone number of said one or more telephone numbers and a network operator providing services to said one telephone number.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 9, wherein said network information further comprises charging information.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) ~~Computer~~ A computer program product, comprising a computer readable storage medium storing program code sections thereon for use ~~carrying out the operations of claim 1, wherein said program product is used~~ by a microprocessor in a ~~based component, a processing device, a terminal device, a~~ communication terminal device, said program code comprising:

        instructions for coding a request comprising one or more telephone numbers;

        instructions for transmitting said request to a network serving entity for performing a network information retrieval;

        instructions for receiving a response from said network serving entity, said response comprising network information identifying one or more network operators providing services to said one or more telephone numbers;

        instructions for decoding said response to extract said network information; and

        instructions for storing said network information in conjunction with said one or more telephone numbers ~~a serving device or a networked device~~.

16. (Currently amended) ~~Computer~~ A computer program product, comprising program code sections stored on a computer readable medium for use by a network serving entity, said program code comprising:

        instructions for receiving a request from a communication terminal, wherein said request comprises one or more telephone numbers;

        instructions for decoding said request to extract said one or more telephone numbers;

        instructions for retrieving network information identifying one or more network operators providing services to said one or more telephone numbers;

instructions for coding a response which comprises said retrieved network information; and

instructions for transmitting said response to said communication terminal~~carrying out the method of claim 9, when said computer program product is executed on a microprocessor-based component, a processing device, a terminal device, a communication terminal device, a serving device or a networked device~~.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) ~~Communication terminal~~An apparatus, comprising:

a processor,

a user interface,

a data storage, and

a network communication interface,

wherein the user interface is configured to receive a user input for requesting network information related to one or more telephone numbers,

wherein the processor is configure to generate ~~a coding component of a central processing unit for coding~~ a request which includes the one or more telephone numbers;

wherein the ~~a~~network communication interface is configured to transmit ~~for transmitting~~ said request to a network entity and ~~for receiving~~receive a response from the network entity in accordance with said request;

wherein the processor is further configure to decode ~~a decoding component of the central processing unit for decoding~~ said response, wherein said response comprises network information identifying one or more network operators providing services to said one or more telephone numbers; and

wherein the ~~a~~data storage is configured to store ~~for storing~~ said network information in a telephone directory ~~of said communication terminal;~~
~~wherein said network information is stored~~ in conjunction with said one or more telephone numbers.

19. (Currently amended) ~~Network~~A network serving entity, comprising:

a processor,

a communication interface, and

an information data storage,

wherein the a communication interface is configure to receive for receiving a request from a communication terminal and for transmitting to transmit a response to said request to said communication terminal; and

wherein the processor is configured to decode a decoding component for decoding said request which includes one or more telephone numbers, retrieve from the information data storage ;

a retrieving component for retrieving network information identifying one or more network operators providing services to said one or more telephone numbers, ; and

a coding component for coding code said response which comprises said retrieved network information for transmitting to the communication terminal.

20. (Canceled)